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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS ON AMBASSADOR GREEN.

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1. AFTER COSTIGAN STORY OF MAY 7, ALL MAJOR PAPERS OF 8TH CARRIED STORY CONCERNING AMBASSADOR GREEN'S "DEPARTURE".

2. AUSTRALIAN FEATURED STORY FRONT PAGE. STATES U.S. AMBASSADOR - QUOTE -....WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE UP A SENIOR POSITION IN FORD ADMINISTRATION.

BY FAR THE MOST SENIOR U.S. DIPLOMAT POSTED TO CANBERRA, MR. GREEN, 59, IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE WITH THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AFTER A TERM OF A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS.

HIS DEPARTURE COMES WHEN TIES BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND AMERICA HAVE BEEN BUILT UP INTO A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP AFTER THE LOW POINT THEY REACHED DURING THE FIRST MONTHS OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT.

THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES A LARGE SHARE
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OF THE CREDIT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IS DUE TO MR. GREEN.

BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. WHITLAM, AND THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SENATOR WILLESEE, HAVE CLOSE PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH MR. GREEN AND WILL BE SORRY TO SEE HIM GO. OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF MR. GREEN'S REPLACEMENT IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES EXPECT THAT, ALTHOUGH U.S. PRESIDENTS HAVE IN THE PAST OFTEN MADE POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS TO CANBERRA, ANOTHER CAREER DIPLOMAT WILL BE SENT. THEY SAY THIS WOULD REFLECT THE UPGRADED STATUS AUSTRALIA HAS EARNED WITH ITS INDEPENDANT FOREIGN POLICY STANCE.

MR. GREEN IS UNDER STOOD TO BE EMBARRASSED OVER PREMATURE REVELATIONS ABOUT HIS FUTURE, PARTICULARLY ON THE EVE OF TALKS BETWEEN MR. WHITLAM AND PRESIDENT FORD AT WHICH OFFICIALS SAID, THE MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED. ALL HE WOULD SAY YESTERDAY WAS: "I HAVE RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION FROM WASHINGTON", ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN.
- UNQUOTE.

BALANCE OF STORY DEALT WITH AMBASSADOR'S TOUR IN AUSTRALIA, HIS ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH AND ITEMS FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S PRESS CONFERENCE LINKED TO ASIA SCENE.

3. MELBOURNE AGE - "U.S. ENVOY TO GO HOME SOON". STORY MAKES SAME POINTS AS COSTIGAN ARTICLE, AND CLOSSES ON NOTE THAT REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON SAY THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS ALREADY MADE A NUMBER OF POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS TO POSTS NORMALLY OCCUPIED BY CAREER DIPLOMATS.

4. CANBERRA TIME - FULL COLUMN FRONT PAGE - "U.S. ENVOY EXPECTED TO CHANGE POSTS". STORY NOTES THAT AMBASSADOR GREEN HAS BEEN MAJOR INFLUENCE IN THE IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN AND REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION AND THAT HE IS SENIOR CAREER DIPLOMAT.

5. SYDNEY MORNING HERALD - FRONT PAGE - U.S. ENVOY LIKELY TO RETURN HOME". SHORT PIECE, NO ADDED DETAILS
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AND QUOTES AMBASSADOR AS SAYING - "I HAVE NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS".
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